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VIENNA FOR MBFR DELEGATION

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, UK

SUBJECT: MBFR: HUNGARIAN PARTICIPATION ISSUE

1. PLEASE CONVEY SOONEST FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE  
SECRETARY TO THE FOREIGN SECRETARY:

DEAR ALEC:

AS YOU KNOW, WE FACE SERIOUSLY INCREASING PRESSURES IN  
THE US SENATE FOR UNILATERAL REDUCTIONS IN US FORCES OVER-  
SEAS. IN RECENT WEEKS KEY LEGISLATORS WHO EARLIER SUPPORTED  
THE PRESIDENT'S POLICY WITH RESPECT TO THE MAINTENANCE OF  
US FORCES IN EUROPE HAVE INDICATED THEY ARE RECONSIDERING  
THEIR POSITIONS, AND MAY JOIN IN EFFORTS TO SEEK TO ENFORCE  
A REDUCTION THIS YEAR.

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WE ARE DETERMINED TO RESIST THIS EFFORT, AND I BELIEVE WE CAN SUCCESSFULLY STAVE OFF SUCH REDUCTIONS. HOWEVER, IF WE ARE TO SUCCEED, IT WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO SHOW TANGIBLE PROGRESS TOWARD BEGINNING MBFR NEGOTIATIONS IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR. THUS, IT WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT TO CONCLUDE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE TALKS IN VIENNA, WITH AN AGREEMENT TO PROCEED TO NEGOTIATIONS.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE AD HOC GROUP IN VIENNA HAS FORWARDED TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL ITS REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE DISCUSSIONS WITH EASTERN REPRESENTATIVES CONCERNING THE ISSUE OF HUNGARIAN PARTICIPATION. WHILE THE RESULTS OF THE VIENNA DISCUSSIONS TO DATE HAVE NOT COMPLETELY SATISFIED ALLIED DESIRES WITH RESPECT TO HUNGARY'S STATUS IN MBFR NEGOTIATIONS, THE ISSUE OF HUNGARIAN PARTICIPATION HAS NOT BEEN FORECLOSED, AND THE ALLIES WOULD HAVE A BASIS TO REOPEN THE ISSUE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS THEMSELVES.

IN LIGHT OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS, AND PARTICULARLY THE SITUATION WE FACE WITH CONGRESS, I HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE IN A POSITION TO AUTHORIZE YOUR PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE ON THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL TO ACCEPT THE PRESENT COMPROMISE POSITION DEVELOPED IN VIENNA SO THAT AN EARLY ALLIED CONSENSUS CAN BE REACHED.

I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE PRESIDENT ATTACHES THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE TO AN APPROACH TO MBFR WHICH, WHILE HELPING US TO DEAL WITH OUR CONGRESSIONAL PROBLEM, ALSO RESULTS IN UNDIMINISHED SECURITY FOR THE ALLIANCE.

WITH WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS,

SINCERELY, BILL. ROGERS

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